

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

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UNAUTHORISED CONSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENT AROUND JAMA MASJID

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware that High Court of Delhi has given ultimatum to the DDA and others to clear all unauthorised constructions and encroachments around Jama Masjid by August 16, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether the Court has taken serious note of non-compliance of their earlier orders in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the date by which these unauthorised constructions and encroachments are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Delhi High Court vide its order 21.11.2000 ordered removal of encroachments/unauthorized constructions around Jama Masjid and directed DDA and MCD to take immediate steps in this regard within 8 weeks. The time for demolition was extended from time to time. The High Court in its Order dated 10.7.2000 directed compliance of the Order by 16th August, 2001.

The DDA and MCD has reported that the first phase of removal of unauthorised constructions/encroachments around Jama Masjid was jointly taken by them on 8.8.2001 and this was informed to the High Court on 16.8.2001. The second phase of action was taken on 22nd and 23rd August, 2001. The remaining task will be taken up in consultation with the Delhi Police and Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.